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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DDI PRESIDENT BERT JOLIS

1. ALBERT JOLIS, PRESIDENT OF DIAMOND DISTRIBUTORS, INC.
(DDI) OF NEW YORK TELEPHONED AUGUST 3 FOR ONE OF HIS
PERIODIC EXCHANGES WITH AF/C ON THE CAE.

2. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION JOLIS MENTIONED THAT HE
WOULD BE VISITING THE CAE, DEPARTING NEW YORK AUGUST
11 AND ARRIVING BANGUI AUGUST 15.

3. AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, DDI'S CAE OPERATIONS AND JOLIS
PERSONALLY ARE ONCE AGAIN IN FAVOR WITH THE EMPEROR, AND
JOLIS MADE THE POINT OF SAYING THAT HE HAD MET WITH
BOKASSA AT PARIS DURING THE LATTER'S EXTENDED EUROPEAN
STAY THIS SUMMER.

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4. WE TOOK LIBERTY OF INFORMING JOLIS OF YOUR REPLACEMENT
OF GRANT SMITH AND SUGGESTED THAT HE CALL ON YOU. AS
ONE OF OUR MOST REGULAR AND RELIABLE CONTACTS OVER THE
YEARS, JOLIS GLADLY ACCEPTED THIS AND WILL PROBABLY
BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL. VANCE

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